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DEAR DIRECTOR MOURITSEN

i hereby file this protest of the bureau of land management's planned march 2018 competitive oil and gas lease sale and the programmatic final environmental assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, marietta unit of the athens ranger district, monroe and noble counties, ohio-2 parcels covering 345.49 acres

ES-004 39.65 acres in monroe county

ES.005 305.84 acres in noble county

1. protesting party contact

this protest is filed on behalf of david smith 889 houfek lancaster ohio 43130

-my interest in the Wayne National Forest is to protect the Wayne National Forest from the extremely harsh environmentally destructive practice of hydraulic fracking which completely destroys the existing environment. billions of years of evolutionary history should not be destroyed for short term goals. this is a crime against nature and a horrible loss to future generations

2. statement

blm's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below our regional forester is not upholding due diligence in researching the impacts or considering the appropriateness of hydraulic fracking in ohio's only National Forest. other regional forests have worked in good faith have found fracking destructive and inappropriate as did in 2011 regional forester anne carey. usfs has never adequately assessed high pressure horizontal hydraulic fracturing. no environmental impact statement has been completed. this sale is illegal irresponsible and should be cancelled

fracking in the Wayne National Forest is completely inappropriate will scare the land for decades take a century to heal functionally and NEVER be the same this should not be done

Sincerely
DAVID SMITH

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